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TAGS: OVIP (SENATORS CHURCH, LAXALT)
SUBJECT: SCHEDULED VISIT OF SENATORS CHURCH AND LAXALT
TO SPAIN

REF: HUGHES-CALDWELL TELECON

1. BASQUE NATIONALIST PARTY (PNV) MEMBER PEDRO BEITIA
PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING PROGRAM FOR
SENATORS CHURCH AND LAXALT, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE CONFIRMED
THEIR PARTICIPATION BY PHONE TO HIM:

2. OFFICIAL HOST FOR SENATORS' VISIT IS THE "PUENTE
CULTURAL" (CULTURAL BRIDGE) BETWEEN THE BASQUE COUNTRY
AND BASQUES IN THE U.S. PRESIDENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION
IN SPAIN ARE PNV SENATORS IRUJO AND UNZUETA; CO-PRESIDENTS
ON THE U.S. SIDE ARE SENATORS CHURCH AND LAXALT. TENTATIVE
PROGRAM FOLLOWS:

3. MONDAY, MARCH 27. THE ONLY SCHEDULED ACT IS A PRESS
CONFERENCE AT THE HOTEL ERCILLA, IN BILBAO, AT 1930
(SENATORS PROBABLY WILL BE LODGED AT ERCILLA). BEITIA
SAW NO REASON WHY THE SENATORS COULD NOT TAKE A LATER
FLIGHT FROM MADRID TO BILBAO THAN THE ONE SENATOR CHURCH
CURRENTLY HAS SCHEDULED, IN THE EVENT THAT THEY NEEDED
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MORE TIME IN MADRID. AVIACO'S FLIGHT 104 DEPARTS MADRID
FOR BILBAO AT 1615 LOCAL TIME. BEITIA SAID THE BIG
WELCOME IS PLANNED FOR THE SENATORS AT THE BILBAO AIRPORT;
HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER A PARTY LEADER WOULD BE AT THE
AIRPORT IN MADRID.

4. TUESDAY, MARCH 28.

1130: VISIT GUERNICA, ACCOMPANIED BY BASQUE PARLIAMEN-
TARIANS; LUNCH IN GUERNICA.

1900: PUBLIC MEETING AT UNIVERSITY OF DEUSTO, IN BILBAO,
CHAired BY PNV SENATOR IRUJO. THE SENATORS WOULD BE ASKED
TO SPEAK. PERHAPS 1000 TO 1500 PEOPLE WOULD ATTEND.
RECEPTION AT UNIVERSITY AFTERWARD.

5. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29.

1130: VISIT SAN JUAN DE LUZ, FRANCE, WHERE THE SENATORS
WILL CALL ON BASQUE GOVT-IN-EXILE PRESIDENT JESUS MARIA
DE LEIZAOLA AND PLACE A WREATH ON THE TOMB OF FORMER
BASQUE GOVT PRESIDENT AGUIRRE.

1400: TRAVEL TO FRENCH BASQUE TOWN OF SARE, WHERE SENATOR
LAXALT'S PARENTS WERE BORN: OFFICIAL WELCOME BY MAYOR;
EXHIBITION OF BASQUE DANCES; LUNCH.

1900: RECEPTION HOSTED BY BASQUE GENERAL COUNCIL AT
DEPUTATION OF GUIPUZCOA IN SAN SEBASTIAN.

2100: WORKING DINNER WITH BASQUE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
LEADERS TO DISCUSS CURRENT SITUATION IN BASQUE PROVINCES.

6. THURSDAY, MARCH 30 AND FRIDAY, MARCH 31: FREE TIME.
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7. IDAHO SECSTATE PETE SENARUSA ADVISED EMBOFF MARCH 15
THAT HE WILL ATTEMPT TO ACCOMPANY SENATORS CHURCH AND
LAXALT. PLEASE PASS PROGRAM INFORMATION TO HIM AS WELL.

8. FOR HUGHES: IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST, BEITIA
PROVIDED FOLLOWING ADDRESS FOR BASQUE GOVT-IN-EXILE:
48 RUE SINGER, PARIS, 16. THERE ALO IS A DELEGATION OF
THE GOVT-IN-EXILE AT 10 BLVD ALSACE-LORRAINE, BAYONA.
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